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For: ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROPHOTOMETER

Attorney Docket No. NITT.0181

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Washington, D.C. 20231**

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COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

| FOR | TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED | TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE | CLAIMS ALREADY PAID | RATE | CALCULATION |
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| Total Claims | 9 | 9 | -XX (Over 20) | x \$50 | 0 |
| Independent Claims | 2 | 2 | -XX (Over 3) | x \$200 | 0 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) | | | | + \$360 | 0 |
| REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). | | | | x ½ | |
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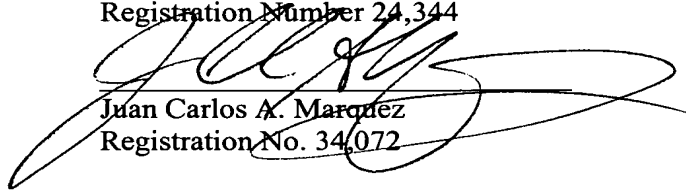
[x] Response to Office Action
(with Claim Amendments)
[] Substitute Specification
[] Preliminary Amendment
[] Information Disclosure Statement

[] Petition for Extension of Time
[] Terminal Disclaimer
[] Letter to Draftsperson
[] Assignment
[] Other _____

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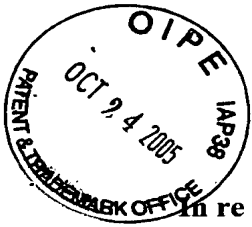
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

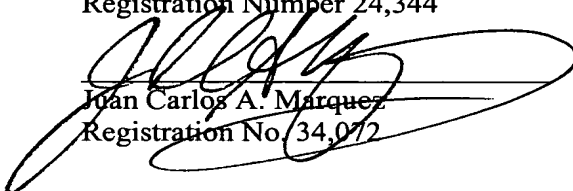
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This is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 27, 2005, the period of response to which is set to expire on October 27, 2005. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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